before the Court in United States. The CBI is following the case.

The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhopal has also issued orders attaching the movable and immovable properties of UCC, USA, in India.

The C.J.M. Bhopal has jurisdiction over UCC and the officials of UCC and any statement in this regard does not alter this fact.

Extradition proceedings against absconding officials of UCC

744. SHRI N. E. BALARAM. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the judgement delivered by the Bhopal Chief Judicial Magistrate in the case of UCC|UCIL and others while committing the case to the Session Court there is no mention about action or procedure being adopted for bringing the foreign nationals of the UCC, Hongkong, who have been absconding and who are guilty of the tragedy at Bhopal;

(b) whether extradition proceedings have been initiated against such absconding officials;

(c) if so, what is the stage of such extradition proceedings; and

(d) if not, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Union Carbide (Eastern) Inc., Hongkong has been named as one of the accused in the Charge-sheet filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the Court the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhopal. Since no appearance has been made on behalf of the company, a proclamation under Sec. 82 Cr. PC was issued by the CJM, Bhopal on 22.5.92, which has been published in "South China Morning Post, Hongkong" on 11.6.92. The matter is being pursued by CBI in the Court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhopal.

(b) to (d) Extradition proceedings are initiated against the persons who do not make appearance. In this case the only official who did not make appearance is Mr. Warren Anderson for his extradition has been drafted by the CBI and is under legal scrutiny.

Degradation of Mollasses

745. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that molasses worth crores of rupees is likely to be degraded during the coming monsoon;

(b) if so, what is the estimated value of the molasses lying surplus;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to export|dispose off the surplus molasses to avoid losses; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned in this process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Inter-State allocations of molasses to cover the requirements for the period from December 1991 to September, 1992 have been made. In addition export of 60,000 tonnes of molasses during the current alcohol year has been authorised thus far, and these exports are in the pipeline. Further exports will be considered after review of progress of inter-state allocations and exports already authorised.